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Office of PAGR

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to appeal the "Final Determination to Close the Orchard Post Office" which serves me and this small farming community.

Sec. 15.

I especially took notice of **Part IV – Economic Savings** – I do believe it is a grievous error made by the USPS when it says, "The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$27,894 with a breakdown as follows:

- Postmaster Salary (EAS 55, NO COLA) {Which I do not understand}
- Fringe Benefits at 33.5%

\$7,714

<u>+600</u>

Total Amount Costs

\$31,340

• Less Annual Cost of

Replacement Service <u>-3,446</u>

Total Annual Saving

\$27,694

First of all there is no Postmaster at the Orchard Post Office, but an Officer in Charge who is paid an hourly wage plus mileage. She does not receive any health insurance, pension, paid vacation, or sick days. She is only paid for the days she is there. She has been there since August 2010

Second, the figure of \$3,346 for "Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service" is probably an error because the replacement service the USPS has in mind would be for carrier service. The carrier now is already paid considerably more than an Officer in Charge. He/she would certainly have even more work hours with the closing of the Orchard Post Office.

The USPS is getting a bargain by maintaining the Orchard Post Office. There is no economic advantage in closing this small post office in Orchard, Iowa.

Sincerely yours, Philip K. Lack

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Cc:

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